## United States District Court Eastern District of North Carolina Western Division No. 5:19-cv-248-BO

# PUBLIC INTEREST LEGAL FOUNDATION,

Plaintiff,

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KAREN BRINSON BELL, in her official capacity as Executive Director of the North Carolina State Board of Elections, and NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS,

Defendants.

#### **THIRD JOINT STATUS REPORT**

In response to the Court's July 7, 2021 Order (Doc. 42), the parties to this action hereby jointly submit this status report.

The parties report that they continue to negotiate in good faith toward a resolution to this action. In accordance with this Court's Order, the parties shall provide a status update every thirty (30) days or promptly after the parties have reached an agreement.

Dated: September 3, 2021.

#### Respectfully submitted:

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on September 3, 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing using the Court's ECF system, which will serve notice on all registered parties.

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